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KNULL, THE PRIMORDIAL AND MALICIOUS GOD OF THE SYMBIOTES, IS ON THE WAR PATH TO EARTH. BUT EARTH IS ONLY ONE PLANET. AND KNULL INTENDS DOMINION OVER ALL.

WICCAN AND HULKLING

YOUNG AVENGER HULKLING RECENTLY FULFILLED HIS DESTINY TO BECOME THE EMPEROR OF THE NEWLY UNITED KREE-SKRULL ALLIANCE. BEFORE LEAVING EARTH, HE QUIETLY MARRIED THE LOVE OF HIS LIFE, FELLOW YOUNG AVENGER WICCAN, BUT IN THE CHAOS OF INTERGALACTIC WAR, THEY'VE HAD NO TIME TO CELEBRATE.

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THE OUTER REALM.

A CRY
FOR HELP.

A DISTRESS
SIGNAL.

BEFORE THE SYMBIOTES
CAME, THE CREW HAD PUT
OUT A CALL FOR BACKUP.

BACK WHEN THEY WERE
SOLDIERS AND PILOTS.
KREE AND SKRULL.

BACK WHEN THEY
WERE INDIVIDUALS.

BUT THEY WERE NO
LONGER THOSE PEOPLE,
THOSE THINGS.

THEY WERE
SOMETHING
ELSE NOW.

SO A DIFFERENT
GOD ANSWERED.

KRULL.

AND HE WOULD PERMIT
NO OTHER GOD, MASTER,
OR SOVEREIGN TO RULE
IN HIS UNIVERSE.

MY
PRECIOUS NEW
SOLDIERS...

...BRING
ME THE HEAD
OF YOUR
KING!

LORD
EMPEROR?

HMM?

THE GUY
WITH THE
DIRT.

RIGHT.

CITIZEN CH'KRRT: BY THE
POWER I WIELD AS EMPEROR,
STAR-MARSHAL, AND FIRST
SWORD OF THE KREE-SKRULL
ALLIANCE, I WISH YOUR
FARM WELL.

I HOPE YOUR
CROPS ARE
PLENTIFUL.

YOU
AND YOURS
CAN SLEEP KNOWING
YOU ARE DEFENDED
BY THE MIGHT OF
OUR FLEETS.

MAZEL
TOV!

HUZZAH!

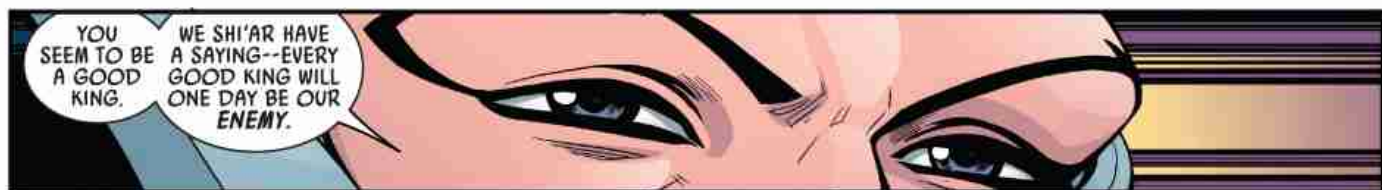




EMPEROR
AND COURT
WIZARD.

I COME BEARING
TIDINGS FROM THE
SHI'AR EMPIRE. WE HAVE
BEEN WATCHING YOU
CAREFULLY DURING
YOUR ASCENSION TO
THE THRONE.

RARE IS
IT THAT ONE OF
YOUR YOUTH CAN
RISE TO THE SEAT OF
SUCH POWER. RARER
STILL THAT HE CAN
DO IT WELL.



YOU
SEEM TO BE
A GOOD
KING.

WE SHI'AR HAVE
A SAYING--EVERY
GOOD KING WILL
ONE DAY BE OUR
ENEMY.



BUT TODAY IS
NOT THAT DAY.
TODAY, WE CAN
CONGRATULATE
YOU ON YOUR
WEDDING.

IS
THAT--



--A ROBOT
THAT DISPENSES
CHAMPAGNE?!

BRIGHT BLESSINGS ON YOUR WEDDING

IT IS
MERELY
MEANT TO
DELIVER
THE GIFT.

THE GIFT ITSELF
AWAITS YOU ON THE
BEAUTIFUL BEACHES OF
THE SHI'AR HOMELAND
--A SOLAR WEEK AT THE
FINEST RESORT WE
HAVE TO OFFER.



WHILE CHANDILAR ITSELF CAN
BE QUITE BUSY, OUR PRIVATE
BEACHES ON LITTLE CHANDILAR
ARE VERY SECLUDED. YOU WILL
BE TREATED AS THE KINGS
YOU ARE, FREE OF
CHARGE.

JUST YOU
AND YOUR
BELOVED. NO
ONE ELSE
NEEDED.



WHY, VICE-
CHANCELLOR,
I DON'T KNOW
WHAT TO SAY.

SAY
YES?

PLEASE
SAY YES. MY
LEGS ARE NUMB
FROM THIS
CHAIR.



HE'LL HAVE
TO DECLINE, VICE-
CHANCELLOR.

LAURI-ELL?!



BRAVE
EMPEROR,
MY FOREMOST
CONCERN IS
YOUR SAFETY.

I HAVE
REASON TO
SUSPECT THIS
MIGHT NOT BE IN
YOUR BEST
INTEREST.

EXPLAIN.



BY HALA,
THINK, MY
LORD!

WHY WOULD THEY OFFER
HOSPITALITY TO JUST YOU
AND YOUR BELOVED IF
NOT TO REMOVE YOU FROM
YOUR OWN SECURITY
DETAIL?

THE SHI'AR
ARE FIERCE
TACTICIANS. IT
COULD BE
A TRAP!

FORGIVE
ME, MADAM
ACCUSER...



...BUT I'D LIKE
TO THINK SHI'AR
STRATEGY IS
SLIGHTLY MORE
ADVANCED.

AND I BELIEVE
EARTHLINGS HAVE
A CUSTOM FOR SUCH
A GIFT...A "HONEY-
MOON"?

YES,
AND WE ARE
ABSOLUTELY
GOING TO
ACCEPT.



EXCELLENT.
AND AS I ABSOLUTELY
UNDERSTAND THE NEED
TO PERSONALLY SEE TO
YOUR EMPEROR'S
PROTECTION...

...WE'LL HAVE
ACCOMMODATIONS
PREPARED FOR
THREE.

...THREE?



STARBEACHES, LITTLE CHANDILAR.





MY
LIEGE!

I HAVE DEPOSITED
YOUR LUGGAGE AND
PASSED THE SHIP TO THE
VALET. MY HANDS ARE
NOW YOURS TO
COMMAND.

LAURI-ELL.
HELLO!



YOURS
WEREN'T REALLY
THE SET OF HANDS
I WAS CONCERNED
WITH, BUT THANK
YOU FOR THE
UPDATE.

THAT WAS
VERY KIND OF
YOU TO BRING
ALL OF OUR
THINGS IN.

LET'S ALL TAKE
A MOMENT TO GET
SETTLED AND CHANGE
OUT OF OUR TRAVEL
CLOTHES. FOR MY
PART...



"...I PLAN TO MAKE THE BEST
OF THIS BEACHFRONT VIEW."

ARE WE FREE?
DID WE DITCH
THE THIRD
WHEEL?

DO
WE NEED TO
FIND HER A
DATE?

SHE'S NEW TO
THE JOB, SO SHE'S
EAGER TO PLEASE.
I TOLD HER TO MEET
US HERE WHEN SHE'S
DONE AND COME
HOLD UP THE
SUNSHADE.

YOU
DID NOT.



SO LORDLY. IS
SHE GONNA FAN US
TOO, EMPEROR
HULKING?

I
SWEAR TO
YOU, SHE WAS
THRILLED AT THE
PROSPECT. SHE
WANTS TO
HELP.

SURE,
SURE!



WHAT.

WHAT?!

NOTHING!
THAT'S
JUST...

...VERY
IMPERIAL OF
YOU. YOU'RE
TAKING TO THIS
LIKE A DUCK
TO WATER!



FOR SOMEONE WHO
BEGGED ME TO TAKE
THIS VACATION, YOU'RE
SURE PICKING ON
ME A LOT.

PLAYGROUND
RULES.

JUST
MEANS I
LIKE YA.







I CAN'T BELIEVE THESE PEOPLE'S BOSSES WOULD JUST HAVE THEM TAKE PHONE CALLS WHILE THIS IS HAPPENING!

I DON'T WANT A REFUND, I WANT THEM TO SURVIVE A DRAGON ATTACK!

I KNOW THEY SAID WE DON'T HAVE TO PAY FOR ANYTHING, BUT--

YES, BILLY, WE'RE GOING TO TIP REALLY WELL.

IS SAVING THEIR LIVES NOT PAYMENT ENOUGH?



LAURI, I KNOW YOU MEAN WELL? BUT IT'S CLEAR YOU'VE NEVER HAD A JOB WHERE YOU NEEDED TIPS IF YOU THINK THAT'S TRUE.

UP HERE. I WANNA GET TO THE ROOF.



I THINK WE CAN GET A BETTER LOOK AT WHAT'S GOING ON.



ANOTHER GIANT BLACK DRAGON FILLING THE SKY. OKAY.

WHERE DO YOU THINK THEY'RE COMING FROM?

WHO KNOWS, BUT THE WAY THE DESK CLERK WAS TALKING, IT SEEMS LIKE THIS PROBLEM IS MORE THAN JUST LOCAL.

WE NEED TO GET YOU OFF-PLANET IMMEDIATELY, YOUR MAJESTY.



TO THE HANGAR-- WE CAN BOARD YOUR SHIP--

NO, NO, THAT WON'T WORK.

IT MIGHT NOT BE SAFE TO GO THROUGH THE HOTEL NOW!



LET HIM STAY HERE WITH ME. WE'LL WAIT HERE UNTIL YOU RETURN WITH THE SHIP AND BOARD FROM THE ROOF!

VERY WELL.



THERE SHE GOES.

THAT WAS MEAN. SHE REALLY THOUGHT YOU WERE WORRIED ABOUT MY SAFETY.



I AM! SOMETIMES.

YOU WANNA FIGHT A DRAGON?



I THOUGHT YOU'D NEVER ASK.

FOR A MOMENT, I THOUGHT YOU SET THIS WHOLE THING UP.

GETTING TO SUPER-HERO OUT ON OUR HONEYMOON IS ALMOST TOO PERFECT.



I ALMOST ASKED YOU THE SAME THING!



OH MY GOD.

WHOA, THAT'S A LOT OF DRAGONS.

LET'S HOPE THEY GO DOWN AS EASY AS THOSE TIKI DRINKS.



BILLY, LOOK OUT!

I WANT TO LIGHT THE WAY I WANT TO LIGHT THE WAY I WANT TO LIGHT THE WAY---



THIS
THING IS
HUGE.

AND
HUNGRY--
BACK
OFF!

SLURP

YEAH?!
YOU LIKE
THAT?!

CHATHUNK

OKAY,
SETTLE
DOWN!

I THINK IT'S
COMING BACK
FOR MORE--
IT'S MAD.

YEAH,
IT'S MAD
AT YOU!

I WANTED
CHAMPAGNE!
I STILL WANT
CHAMPAGNE!

I WANT
CHAMPAGNE
I WANT CHAMPAGNE
I WANT CHAMPAGNE
I WANT--

FWWWOOSH







WELL, WE
CLEARED THE
ROOFTOP, BUT IT
SEEMS LIKE WE'RE
GOING TO HAVE TO
GO BACK OUT
THERE.

HERE'S
TO MY
MAGICAL
TIMING.

YEAH.
IF YOU CAN
REMEMBER IT IN
TIME, ALL OF OUR
NARROW ESCAPES
COULD COME WITH
A DRINK.

DO-
YOU-NEED-
R-LIGHT?



JUST ONE
MOMENT:

I'M THE EMPEROR
OF THE KREE-SKRULL
ALLIANCE AND ON A
REMOTE PLANET UNDER
SIEGE. I FEEL LIKE
I SHOULD CHECK
IN WITH HOME.



YOUR
MAJESTY.

WE'RE
GETTING REPORTS
OF THE ANCIENT ENTITY
KNOLL CLEAVING A PATH
THROUGH SPACE WITH AN
ARMY OF DRAGONS.
COULD IT BE A SHI'AR
TRAP? SHALL WE DEPLOY
AN ATTACK
FLEET?

ABSOLUTELY
NOT! WE'RE NOT
STARTING ANY
MORE WARS,
MUR-G'NN.

SIR?



TALOS HAD SOME
PRETTY CONCERNING
REPORTS FOR US FROM
HIS MISSION, DIDN'T HE? *
HIS WHOLE CREW WAS WIPED
OUT. HE DIDN'T EVEN WANT
TO BE RESCUED. I'M NOT
SENDING MY PEOPLE
INTO THAT.

WE'LL
EVACUATE WITH
LAURI-ELL AND
EVERYONE ELSE
ON THIS PLANET.

*IN WEB OF VENOM:
EMPYRE'S END #1!



HEY BABE?
I SEE A BUNCH OF
PLEASURE SHIPS HERE,
BUT I DOUBT THEY HAVE
LIGHTSPEED CAPABILITY...
HOW DO WE GET
THEM OUT IN
TIME?

YEAH,
ONE SEC--
I THOUGHT
ABOUT
THAT.



MUR-G'NN, I'M SENDING COORDINATES FOR A SAFE LOCATION OUTSIDE OF THIS SYSTEM. SEND AN ESCORT FLEET TO MEET US AS SOON AS POSSIBLE.

DO NOT PROCEED PAST THE COORDINATES I SEND! WE DON'T KNOW HOW MANY OF THESE BLACK DRAGONS THERE ARE OR HOW THEY ATTACK.

THERE HAVE GOT TO BE ENOUGH SHIPS TO GET EVERYONE OFF-PLANET, AT LEAST.

IF IT CAN BREAK THE ATMOSPHERE, WE'RE PUTTING PEOPLE ON IT.

THEY'LL BOARD OUR SUPERIOR SHIPS AT THE RENDEZVOUS.

A BOLD PLAN, MY LIEGE.

BUT BOLDNESS IS SOMETHING OUR PEOPLE DO NOT SHY FROM.

I WILL ASSEMBLE THE ESCORT FLEET NOW. AND PRAY I DO NOT HAVE TO FOLLOW IT WITH GUNSHIPS.



SORRY I'M BRINGING A CROWD. I KNOW YOU WANTED TIME ALONE.

AND NOW I'M GOING TO ASK FOR YOUR HELP ASSEMBLING EVERYONE ON THIS RESORT PLANET.

THAT'S OKAY.



WE'RE ALONE NOW...



MY LIEGE!

WHAM

LAURI-ELL--
IS THE SHIP
READY?!

NO, I WAS
STOPPED IN
THE HANGAR
BY--



SSSSSSSSSSRRRAAGHH!

HOLY
@#&@, IT'S
A BUNCH OF
VENOMS!



DIE,
FOOLS!

SUDDENLY
ALL THE
BLACKOUTS
MAKE MORE
SENSE!

RAAHHH...

UGH!

BILLY!

NO!

BOOM BOOM BOOM



TEDDY!

BILLY! I'M OKAY--I CAN HANDLE THINGS ON THIS SIDE--BUT YOU HAVE TO START EVACUATING EVERYONE!

I WON'T LEAVE YOU!



PLEASE, COURT WIZARD!

WE HAVE TO GET YOU BOTH OFF OF THIS PLANET.

AND LEAVE ALL THE DRAGONS AND SYMBIOTES TRAPPED IN THERE WITH MY HUSBAND?!



THE KING HAS ASKED US TO GO.

IF WE HURRY, WE CAN GET THE SHIP AND SWING AROUND TO PICK HIM UP FROM THE BEACH SIDE--THEN HEAD RIGHT FOR THE STARS. AND WE'LL HAVE ADDITIONAL FIREPOWER WITH THE SHIP'S GUNS.



YOU PROMISE?

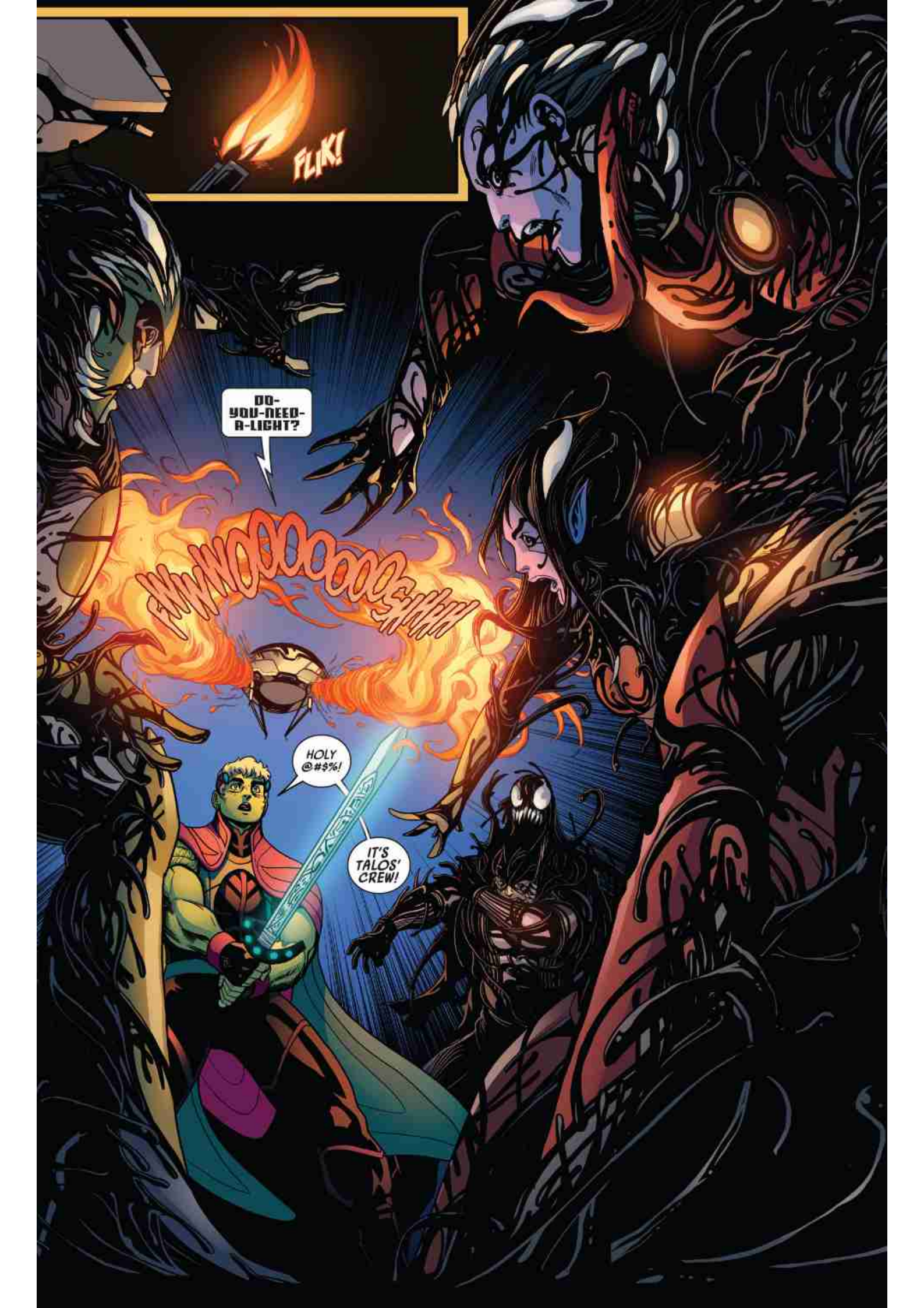
I WOULD DIE BEFORE I LET HIM PERISH. *THAT* I PROMISE YOU.



WELL, WE HAVE THAT IN COMMON.

LET ME CATCH YOU UP--WE'VE GOT THIS PLAN TO EVACUATE THE WHOLE PLANET...



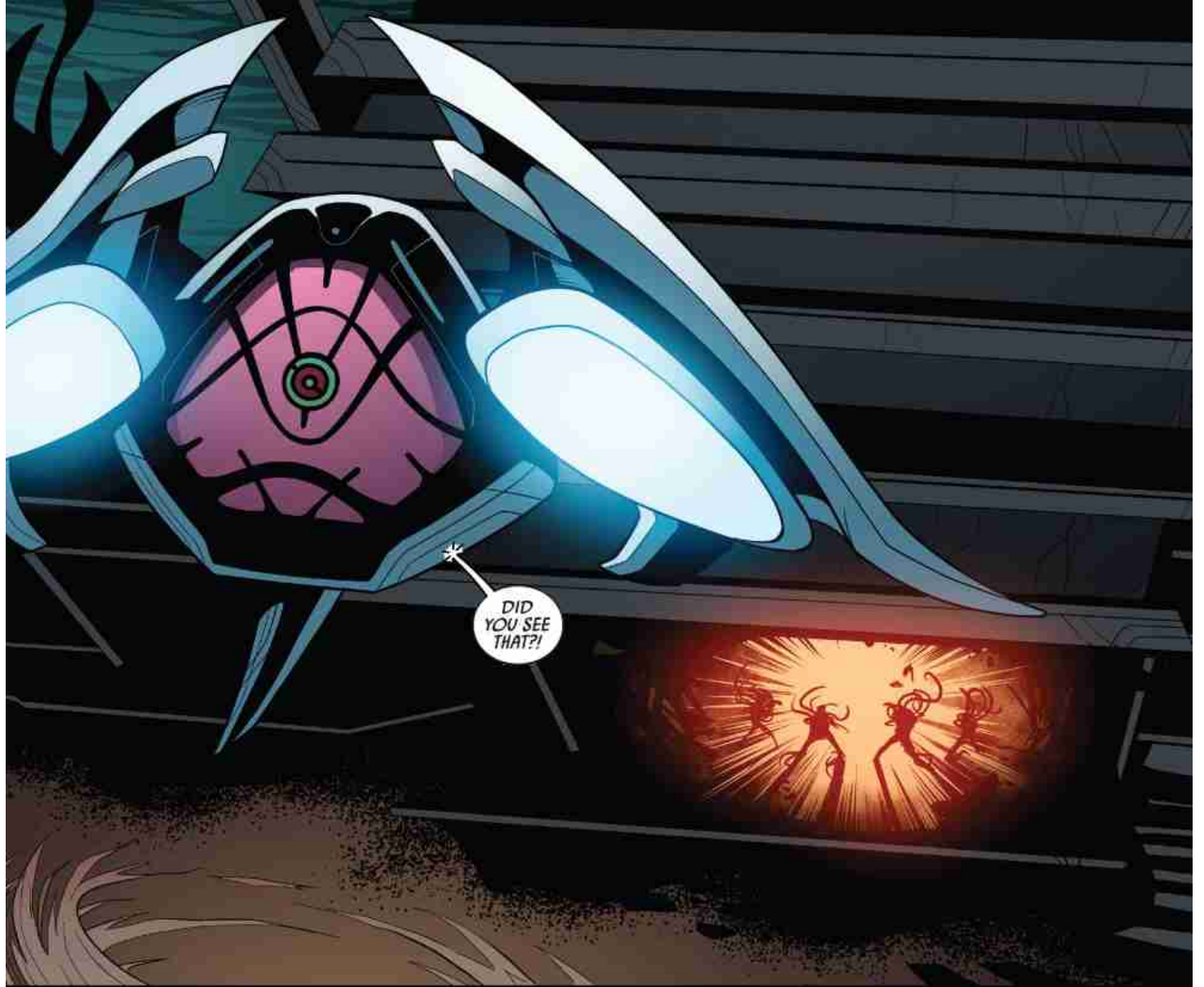


FLIK!

DO-YOU-NEED-A-LIGHT?

HOLY @#%!

IT'S TALOS' CREW!



DID YOU SEE THAT?!



THOSE ARE OUR SOLDIERS. LOST SOLDIERS. LOST TO KNULL!

AV-ROM WAS A CAPTAIN!

TEDDY'S IN THERE.



KNULL MUST HAVE SENT THEM TO DESTROY THEIR OWN EMPEROR.

SUCH TACTICS ARE ANATHEMA TO BRAVE WARRIORS!

YES, I DEFINITELY AGREE--NOW PLEASE TAKE ME TO MY HUSBAND!



TEDDY! WE'RE EVACUATING--TAKE MY HAND!



WHAT ARE YOU DOING HERE?! STAY BACK, THEY'RE STILL DANGEROUS!

THEY SURE ARE, BUT THEY'RE DISTRACTED BY FIRE CURRENTLY!

GET ON THIS SHIP RIGHT NOW!

THEY'RE MY SOLDIERS, BILLY.



I KNOW, LAURI-ELL SAID SO. I'M SORRY, BUT, LIKE...THEY'RE GONE, I THINK.

ZOMBIE RULES, MAN.

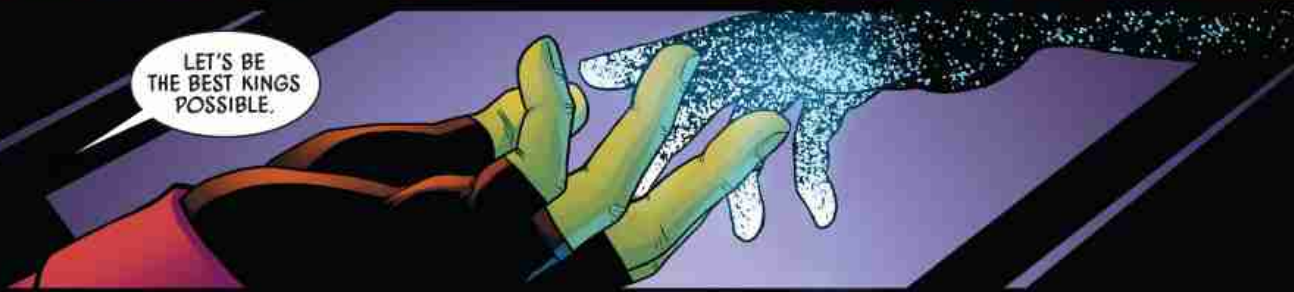


I DON'T THINK SO, BILLY.

COME ON, YOU CAN DO ANYTHING. PEOPLE BELIEVE IN ME. IN US.

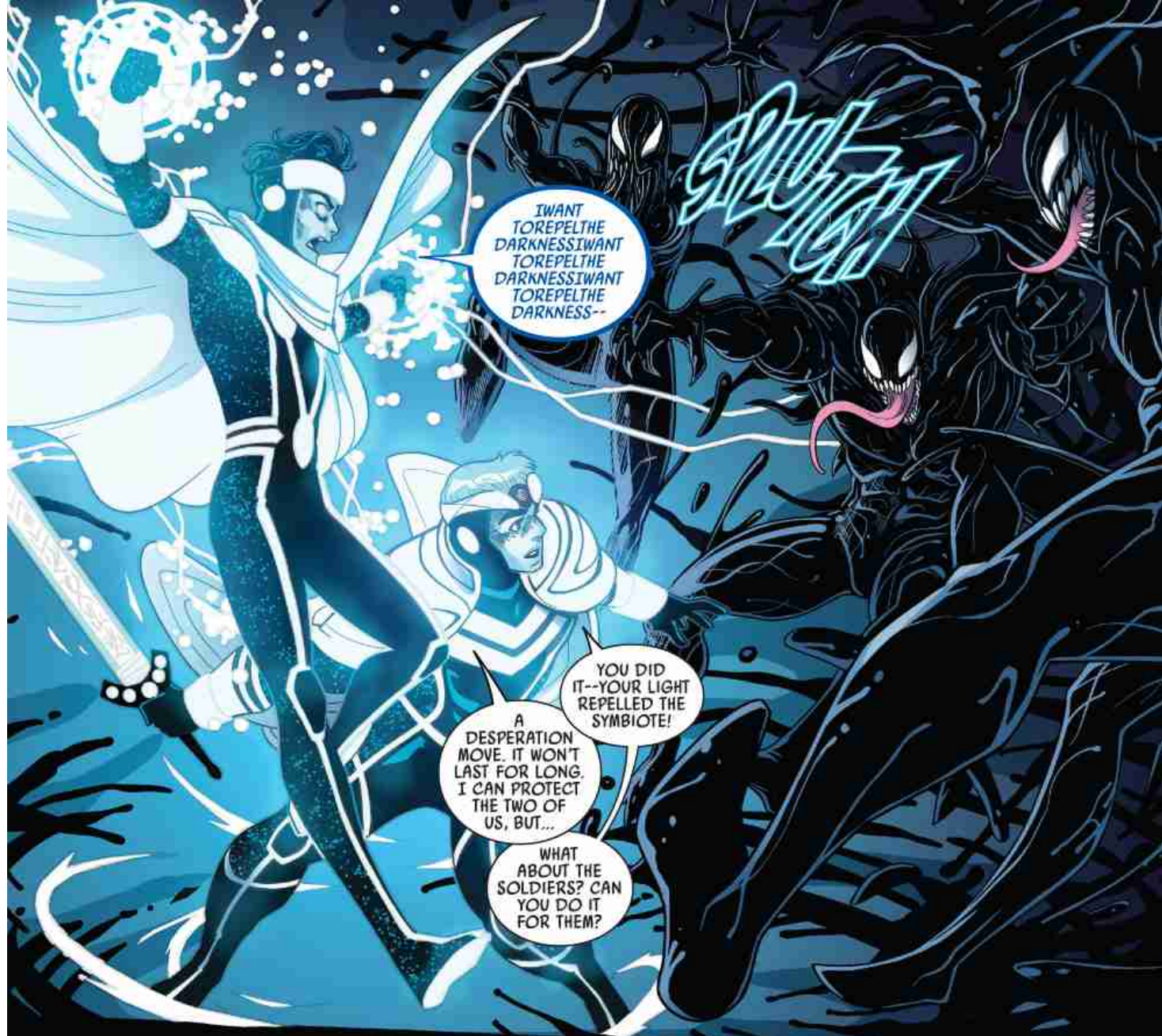


WE'RE THEIR LEADERS. THEY FIGHT AND DIE FOR US.



LET'S BE THE BEST KINGS POSSIBLE.





I WANT
TO REPEL THE
DARKNESS I WANT
TO REPEL THE
DARKNESS I WANT
TO REPEL THE
DARKNESS--

YOU DID
IT--YOUR LIGHT
REPELLED THE
SYMBIOTE!

A
DESPERATION
MOVE. IT WON'T
LAST FOR LONG.
I CAN PROTECT
THE TWO OF
US, BUT...

WHAT
ABOUT THE
SOLDIERS? CAN
YOU DO IT
FOR THEM?



I CAN'T JUST
CURE THEM, BUT
WE CAN HOLD IT
OFF UNTIL THEY
GET HOME.



WE HAVE TO
HURRY, BUT YOU
SHOULD BE ABLE
TO CHANNEL
MY LIGHT.

TRY
IT.

I WANT
TO BRING YOU
ALL HOME
TOO.



I WANT
YOU TO HAVE
ANOTHER
CHANCE.



THEY'RE NOT DOING SO GREAT.

THEY'RE STABILIZED--THEY'LL NEED TO REST ON THE RIDE. I ASSUME YOUR SUPER SPACE SCIENTISTS CAN DO MORE TO REMOVE IT FOR GOOD?

I THINK SO. LET'S GET 'EM HOME.



MY LIEGE!



IT IS TIME TO GO.



TALOS' CREW!

YEAH, WE DID EXTRA CREDIT.

NOW TO JUST...ORGANIZE THE REST OF THE PLANET INTO AN EVACUATION FLEET.

I'LL SEE WHAT I CAN DO TO HELP. THERE ISN'T MUCH LEFT IN THE TANK, BUT...

...THIS MIGHT BE ALL WE NEED.



GUESTS AND RESIDENTS!

I WANT YOU TO GO TO THE NEAREST SHIP AND BOARD IT.

I REPEAT, GO TO THE NEAREST SHIP AND BOARD IT--



IN AN ORDERLY FASHION! IN AN ORDERLY FASHION!



OKAY, THEY'RE HURRYING.

AND HOPEFULLY NOT TRAMPLING ONE ANOTHER.

I'LL BRING THE SHIP AROUND TO THE MAIN HANGAR-- DIRECT THEM THERE.

SURE THING, MADAM ACCUSER.



FOLLOW THE ALLIANCE SHIP TO SAFETY. REPEAT, FOLLOW US TO SAFETY...



DAMN THESE DRAGONS!

IT'S SO DARK!



THE SHIPS ARE UP AND FOLLOWING US, BUT THEY CAN HARDLY SEE.

BILLY, CAN YOU MAKE THE SHIP GLOW? I NEED A GIANT LANTERN, LIKE A SPOTLIGHT--

I DON'T THINK SO, BABY, I'M ON EMPTY. IF I DO ANY MORE MAGIC, I'LL--

DON'T WORRY ABOUT IT.



I'M GOING OUT THERE.

ARE YOU CRAZY?!

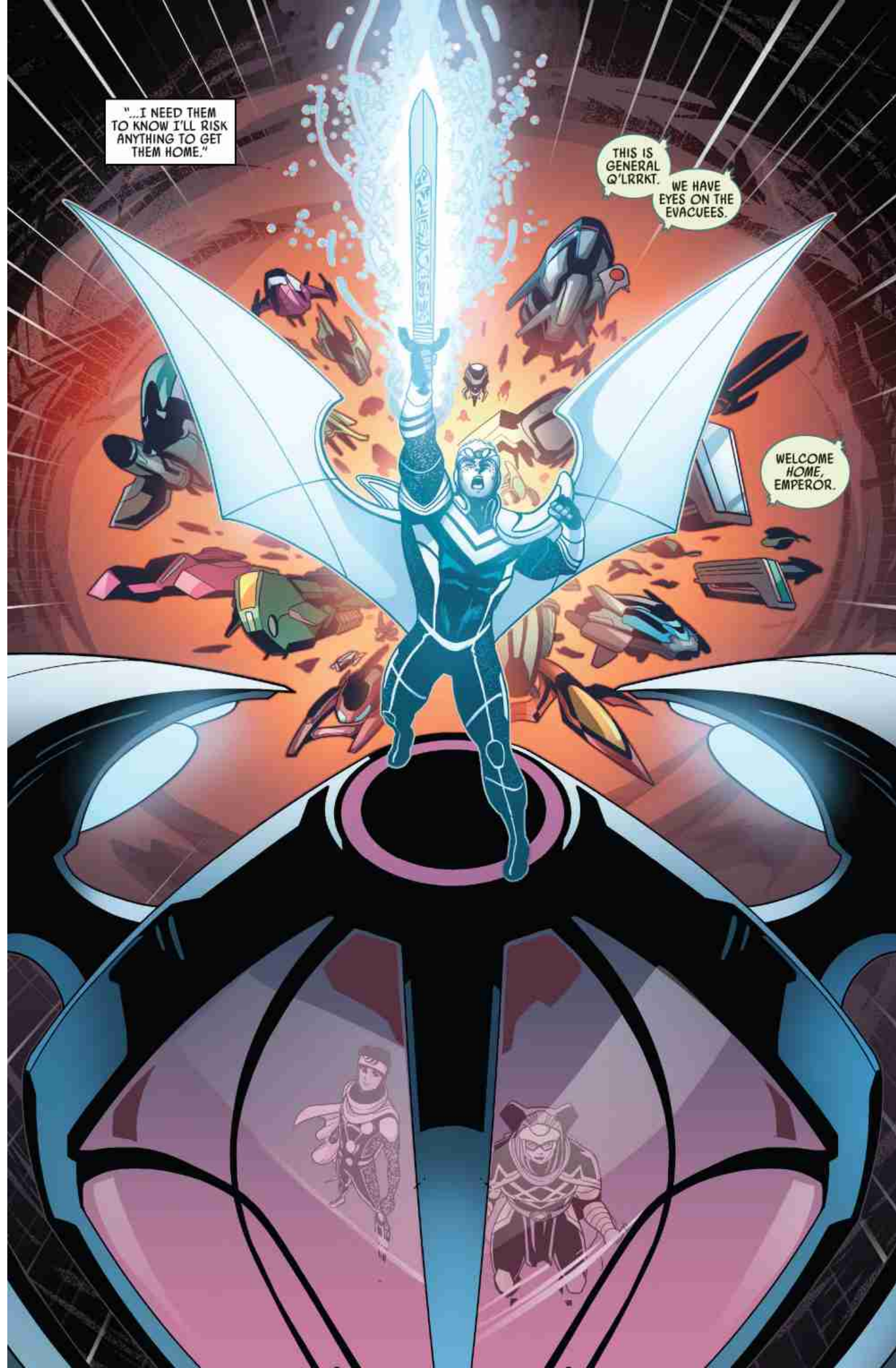
FIRST OF ALL, I MARRIED A WIZARD. AND SECOND...

"...I NEED THEM
TO KNOW I'LL RISK
ANYTHING TO GET
THEM HOME."

THIS IS
GENERAL
Q'LRRT.

WE HAVE
EYES ON THE
EVACUEES.

WELCOME
HOME,
EMPEROR.



TWELVE HOURS LATER.

YOUR
MAJESTY.

THE
ESCORT FLEET
HAS CONFIRMED
THAT ALL OF THE
EVACUEES HAVE
MADE IT HOME
SAFELY.

EXCELLENT.
THANK YOU.

MAY WE SAY, SIR--
THE MILITARY LEADERSHIP
AMONG US WERE INITIALLY
UNCONVINCED OF YOUR PLAN
TO LEAD AN EVACUATION
INSTEAD OF SENDING
A FLEET...

...BUT IT SEEMS YOUR
CAUTION HAS REAPED
REWARDS. THE SHI'AR ARE
VERY GRATEFUL THAT THEIR
RESORT WASN'T DEADLY. BUT
EARTH IS STILL IN PERIL,
AND WE MUST CHECK IN
WITH OUR ALLIES.

NEVER
BEFORE IN THE
HISTORY OF THE KREE OR
THE SKRULL HAS THE SYNERGY
BETWEEN A MONARCH AND
HIS COURT WIZARD RESULTED
IN SUCH A DISPLAY OF
POWER AND SAVING
OF LIVES.

YOU HAVE
MADE HISTORY
THIS DAY, WITH
THE STRENGTH
OF YOUR
UNION.

WELL, WE
ARGUE ABOUT
LAUNDRY SOMETIMES.
WE'RE NOT
PERFECT.

VERY GOOD,
GENERAL. NOW--
EVERYBODY
OUT!

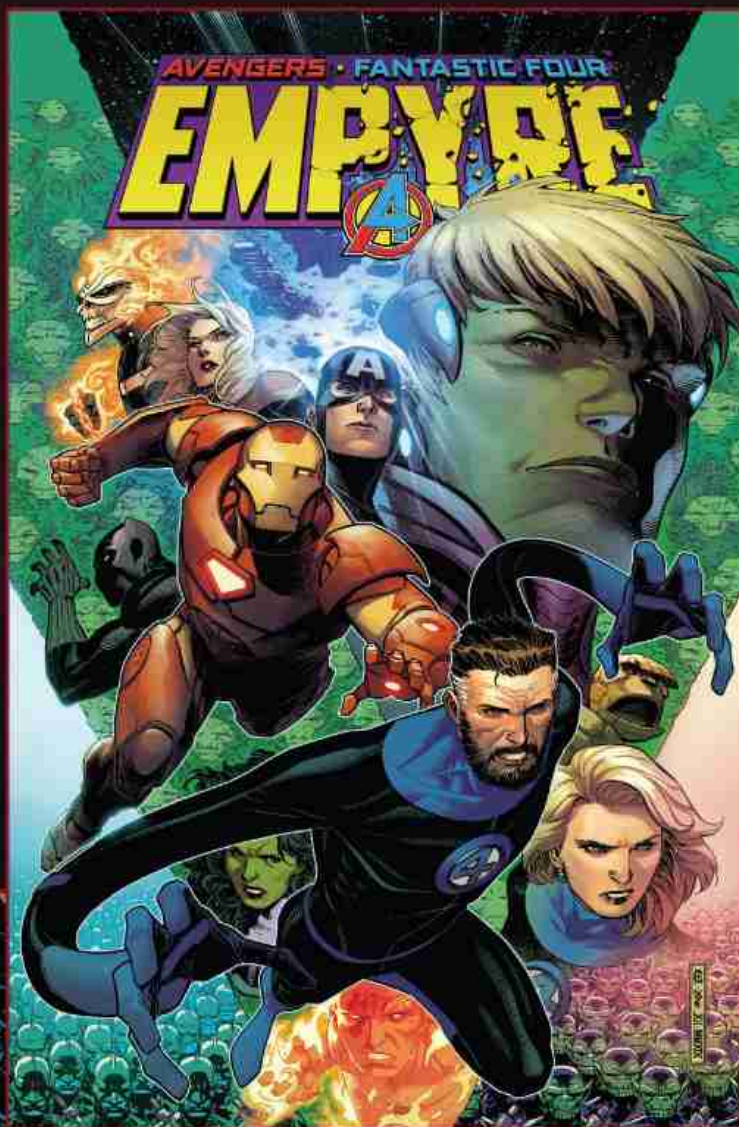
THE
EMPEROR AND THE
COURT WIZARD HAVE
IMPORTANT DUTIES, MY
FELLOW WARRIOR-
SCHOLARS.

OUT,
PLEASE! I MUST
INSIST!



**KING
IN
BLACK**

**GET THE FULL
STORY OF HOW
HULKLING
BECAME
EMPEROR IN
THE EMPYRE
TRADE
COLLECTION!**



**AND CATCH THE
KING IN BLACK
FINALE WITH
ISSUE #5, ON
SALE SOON!**



